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SUBJECT: NSF-SPONSORED US-USSR METAL CORROSION EXCHANGE

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING:

AUGUST 27, 1976

ACADEMICIAN Y. M. KOLOTYRKIN
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DEAR ACADEMICIAN KOLOTYRKIN:

THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS ADVISED ME THAT THE SOVIET
DELEGATION ON METAL CORROSION, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO
ARRIVE IN THE US ON SEPTEMBER 13 PURSUANT TO THE SCHEDULE
IN A MAY 10 LETTER FROM DR. FLORY TO DR. TIKHOMIROV, NOW
SUGGESTS A LATE JANUARY ARRIVAL. WE REGRET THE
POSTPONEMENT BECAUSE EXTENSIVE EFFORT HAD BEEN EXPENDED
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IN EXPECTATION OF A SEPTEMBER 13 ARRIVAL. IN VIEW OF

THE SOVIET PREFERENCE FOR A POSTPONEMENT, WE SUGGEST

EITHER JANUARY 10-28, 1977 OR FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 11, 1977. THE LATTER PERIOD WOULD END THE WEEK BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORROSION SOCIETY IN SAN FRANCISCO FROM MARCH 13-19, 1977. THE SOVIET SIDE MIGHT WISH TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND IN RETURN TO ARRANGE FOR US PARTICIPANTS IN THE METAL CORROSION EXCHANGE TO ATTEND A SIMILAR PROFESSIONAL MEETING IN THE USSR.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY RESPONSE, IN NO EVENT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, TO OUR SUGGESTED DATES. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WISH TO COME TO THE US PRIOR TO THE VISIT OF THE ENTIRE SOVIET DELEGATION. IF WE DO NOT HEAR BY SEPTEMBER 24, WE WILL ASSUME YOU WILL NOT MAKE AN ADVANCE TRIP. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 4-15 OR FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. IF THE SOVIET DELEGATION AGREES WITH THE PLAN OF THE MEETING AND THE SITE VISITS PROPOSED IN THE MAY 10 LETTER, WE BELIEVE YOUR PRIOR VISIT COULD BE OMITTED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

R. W. STAEHLE
PROFESSOR OF CORROSION SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

2. FYI BRITISH LEADER OF BRITISH-SOVIET EXCHANGE HAS INFORMED STAEHLE OF SCHEDULE AND BACKGROUND OF BRITISH CORROSION EXCHANGE. A COPY OF THE MAY 10 LETTER IS BEING POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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